Committee on reorganisation and modernisation of Army

3679. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Expert Committee on reorganisation and modernisation of Army was constituted in 1975;

(b) whether by now all the requirements have been fulfilled as suggested by the Committee; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increasing crime on Sea Frontiers

3680. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing crime on the sea frontiers;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has any proposal to safeguard the sea frontiers and to prevent the crime; and

(c) if st the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Close surveillance is maintained by the Navy in conjunction with the Coast Guard to safeguard India's interest. In addition, there are contingency plans to deal with situation as required.